

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims as pending are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bumper device for reducing the noise created by a door closing against a cabinet, the bumper device comprising:

a bumper body including a solid base, a ring-shaped portion and a concentrically positioned ~~solid~~ center portion extending upwardly from the base, the center portion defining a top end extending above the ring-shaped portion, the top end including an indentation extending a short distance into the center portion such that a bottom of the indentation is located above the ring-shaped portion, the center portion having a continuous, solid cross-section, said bumper body being made of a soft elastic material, wherein the ring-shaped portion defines a first end and a second end, the ring-shaped portion extending outwardly from the base in such a manner that the ring-shaped portion tapers in cross-sectional thickness between the first end and the second end.

2. (Original) The bumper device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the base defines a periphery and wherein the ring-shaped portion is positioned at the periphery of the base.

3. (Original) The bumper device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the ring-shaped portion is formed integral with the base.

4. (Original) The bumper device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the center portion defines a conical shape and wherein the center portion is formed integral with the base.

5. (Original) The bumper device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bumper body is made of a urethane material.

6. (Original) The bumper device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the bumper body defines a channel formed between the center portion and the ring-shaped portion.

7. (Previously Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device for reducing the noise created by a first structure contacting a second structure, the device comprising:

an elastomeric body ~~being solid in~~ having a continuous, solid cross section, the elastomeric body defining a base, a channel, and a first portion extending outwardly from the base, the first portion further defining an indentation, the base defining a periphery, the elastomeric body further defining a second portion extending from the base and positioned adjacent to the periphery of the base, the second portion being ring-shaped, the channel being located between the first portion and the second portion, the first portion defining a conical shape and including a first end formed integral with the base and a second end that further includes the indentation, the elastomeric body being made of a urethane material, the second portion defining a first end and a second end, the second portion extending outwardly from the base in such a manner that the second portion tapers in cross-sectional thickness between the first end and the second end.

9. (Previously Cancelled)

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11. (Previously Cancelled)

12. (Previously Cancelled)

13. (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Previously Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A system for reducing the sound created by a first structure contacting a second structure, the system comprising:

a compressible sound reducing body defining a center portion having an indentation, said center portion having a continuous solid cross-section extending therethrough, a support portion spaced apart from the center portion, and a channel formed between the center portion and the support portion.

16. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 15, wherein the support portion extends around the center portion.

17. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 16, wherein the support portion defines a proximal end having a thickness and a distal end having a thickness, and wherein the support portion tapers in cross-sectional thickness between the proximal end and the distal end.

18. (Original) The fastener as set forth in claim 17, wherein the center portion is conical shaped and defines a proximal end and a distal end, the indentation positioned at the distal end of the center portion.

19. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 15, wherein the compressible sound reducing body is made of a urethane material.

20. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 18, wherein the support portion is ring-shaped, and wherein the compressible sound reducing body is made of a urethane material.